

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Takafumi KONDOU et al.
Serial No.: not yet assigned
Filed : concurrently herewith
For : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING PIPE BODY AND
PIPE BODY MANUFACTURED BY THE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

1185 Avenue of the Americas
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July 23, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Please amend the above-identified continuation application, which is being filed concurrently herewith, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title and "TECHNICAL FIELD" insert:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

--This application is a continuation of applicants' co-pending application Serial No. 09/776,119, filed February 2, 2001, now allowed.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 2 - 5, 11, and 18 - 34 inclusive, without prejudice.